

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated June 4, 2003, the Examiner states that Claims 1-24 are pending, Claims 17-24 are withdrawn from consideration, Claims 1-10 are rejected and Claims 11-16 are objected to. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

Applicant affirms the election of Claims 1-16, and withdrawal of Claims 17-24 from further consideration.

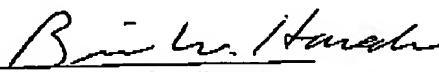
In the Office Action, Claims 1-2 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by JP 03-128212. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by US 2,733,494. However, Claims 11-16 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the finding of Allowability of Claims 11-16. The Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-16 to overcome the rejections, and added new Claims 25 and 26. Claims 25 and 26 incorporate the features of Claims 11-16.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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